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PLANTS	NORTHWEST GARDEN	PERENNIAL GARDEN	HERB GARDEN	OTHER FUN PLANTS
Trees	Adirondack Crabapple (disease resistant) Mt Ash Dogwood 'Eddies White Wonder' Amelanchier (Serviceberry) Washington Hawthorn Others may be acceptable depending on site	Flowering Cherry** Flowering Pear Goldenrain Tree Jacquemontii Birch Maple Raywood Ash Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn	Ginkgo biloba Honey Locust Jackmontii Birch Crabapple 'Adirondack'	Deciduous Magnolia Evergreen Magnolia Goldenrain Tree Red Oak Washington Palm Tree
Shrubs	Evergreen Azalea, dwarf (not drought tolerant) Heathers & Heaths, various low growing varieties Mahonia nervosa (low Oregon grape) Dwarf Rhododendrons	Mt Vernon Laurel Dwarf Nandina Potentilla fruticosa Boxleaf Euonymous 'Kobold' Green Barberry Forsythia 'Bronxensis'	Lavender Rosemary (low forms) Sage Hebe glaucophylla	Escallonia 'Newport' (not super drought tolerant) Juniper 'Blue carpet' Spirea bumalda 'Little Princess' Ilex crenata 'Helleri'
Other Ornamentals		Phormium 'Jack Spratt' & 'Thumbelina' (matures at or less than 2' Tall)	Blue Fescue Penesetum orientale	Alstroemeria (spreads) Crocasmia 'Kathleen'
Perennials	Astilbe, Campanula, Columbine, Coral bells, Dicentra, Geranium sanguineum, Penstemon, Sedum (dwarf varieties), Rockcress, Deer fern, Sword fern, Viola	Asters, Coreopsis, Day lily, Dianthus, Dwarf Shasta Daisy, Helianthemum (Sunrose), Iris sibirica	Anthemis Dusty Miller Euphorbia Sedum – many low growing ones	Bergenia Kniphofia 'Little Maid' Lily 'Miss America' Salvia x jamensis 'San Takao'
Ground Cover	Epimedium, Fragaria, Kinnikinnick Mahonia repens, Rubus calycinoides	Bergenia crassifolia Cottoneaster dammeri Genista pilosa Juniperus horizontalis Liriope spicata	Ajuga Woolly & Creeping Thyme	Raoulia australis Sedum & Sempervivum
Bulbs, Corms, etc. Supplied by Volunteers	Anemone Iris douglasiana	Dutch Iris, Iris sibirica, Iris setosa, Daffodils, Crocus		

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For a list of recommended trees, look at our web site: <http://www.ci.seattle.wa.us/td/landserv.asp> **Flowering Cherries are not recommended at this time because of their susceptibility to the Cherry Bark Tortrix, a moth that damages these trees.

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Low growing, drought tolerant, and encourages butterflies or hummingbirds

<i>Latin Name</i>	<i>Common Name</i>	<i>Flower Color</i>	<i>Size (height x spread)**</i>
Agastache var	Wild Hyssop	Blues and Orange varieties	Select low growing varieties**
Aquilegia species hb	Columbine	Various colors	2 to 3 feet**
Asclepias tuberosa bf hb	Butterfly Weed	Orange, sometimes Yellow	18 " tall x 18" wide
Aster x frikartii 'Monch' bf	Aster	Lavender-blue	30" tall x 24" wide
Aster novi-belgi 'Alert' bf			
Echinacea purpurea 'White Swan' bf	Coneflower	White	24" to 30" tall and 24" wide
Eriogonum umbellatum bf hb	Sulfur buckwheat	Shades of Yellow	10" tall x 18" wide
Gallardia grandiflora 'Goblin' bf		Red and yellow	12" tall x 15" wide
Heuchera sanguinea hb	Coral Bells	Pink and Red varieties	18" to 24" tall, 15" wide
Lavandula varieties bf	Lavender	Varieties vary - white to deep purple for flowers, silver to dark green for leaves	10" to 3 feet tall and as wide depending on the variety **
Liatris punctata hb	Gayfeather	Purple	32" tall x 24" wide **
Lysimachia clethroides bf			
Monarda x 'Petite Delight'	Bee balm	Light Lavender-Rose flowers with glossy green foliage	15" tall x 24" wide
Penstemon varieties hb	Penstemon	Various colors	From 8" to 3 feet tall **
Salvia varieties hb bf		Humming birds really go for the reds	2 to 3 feet tall, **
Scabiosa x hybrids bf	Pincushion Flower	Pink or Blue	12" tall x 15" wide
Sedum telephium 'Arthur Breanch' bf	Stonecrop	Deep pink flower, burgundy stems	15-18" tall x 12" wide
Sedum telephium 'Autumn Joy'	Showy Stonecrop	Flowers start pink and turn bronze	15-18" tall x 15" wide
Solidago 'Golden Fleece', 'Fireworks' bf	Dwarf Goldenrod	Golden Yellow	15" tall x 24" wide
Verbena varieties bf			
Veronica varieties bf	Speedwell	Varieties range from White, Pink, Blue, Purple	** Select varieties maturing at less than 24" tall for planting in Traffic Circles

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Bearded Iris, tall forms

Butterfly bush

Bamboo, except low ground cover types

Cardoon, Globe Thistle & Artichoke

Fennel

Tall Grasses incl. Pampas grass

Holly

Ivy of any ilk!! (There is no benign ivy)

Lavatera

Lilac

New Zealand Flax (unless dwarf varieties that mature less than 24")

Rhododendron, except low dwarf varieties

Roses - shrub and climbing

Shrubs whose growth exceeds 2-1/2 feet tall and that need continuous shearing such as: Photinia, Viburnum laurestinus & 'Spring Bouquet'

Silver Lace Vine

Staghorn Sumac

Let us know if you see examples of creative and appropriate right-of-way plantings we can highlight on future lists.

Frequently asked Traffic Circle/ Street Right-of-Way Questions:

How do I dispose of garbage and clean green?

Typically, volunteers use their own garbage and green waste containers. If you have an abundance of material, contact Liz Ellis at 684-5008 to talk about getting a free dump pass.

How do I get water out to the garden?

First, ask a neighbor at one of the corners if you can use their water. If not, five gallon buckets or a garbage can in the back of a truck could get you through a few weeks of hot, dry weather. Water new trees with at least five gallons for every diameter inch of tree trunk once a week or as often as necessary.

My traffic circle garden needs mulch. Can the City help out?

The best source of mulch is free wood chips from a Tree Service company listed in the Yellow Pages. Otherwise beauty bark or compost can be used.

I would like to decorate my circle garden. Are rocks or sculpture allowed?

Only plants and an approved W-81 center sign are allowed in circles.

Are there any other special considerations to gardening in the street right of way?

Yes. Please only select plants that will mature at 2-feet tall to plant within 30' of the intersection. Trees should start out with a trunk diameter of 1-1/2 inches and be thinned if necessary so that the W-81 reflector sign is visible.

Please be safe! You are gardening in an area where drivers may not be paying close attention. Wear visible clothes. Liz can provide safety vests if necessary. Face oncoming traffic. Keep yourself and your tools off the roadway.

You'll find many other folks will be very supportive of your good work. Encourage them to join you, if not today perhaps another time!

Please don't hesitate to ask for help!